VETAC
Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee

VETAC Committee Meeting
Matoaca High School
17700 Longhouse Road
Chesterfield, VA 23838
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Meeting Summary

Orientation for New Members: Harley Miles, chair, held an orientation session for new members prior to the meeting.

VETAC is pleased to welcome the following representatives:
Sigrid Bomba – Virginia State Reading Association (VSRA)
Sherry Ward – Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE)
Toni Cleveland – Virginia Community College System (VCCS)

Annual Report to the Superintendent - Harley Miles and Jane James submitted the annual report to the Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, the superintendent of public instruction. Dr. DeMary expressed appreciation for the work of VETAC. She suggested that VETAC could be of help by feedback on the upcoming revisions to the Standards of Quality.

VETAC Website – L.B. Berg reported that the VETAC web page has been moved to the Department of Education's Web site. The URL is http://www.pen.k12.va.us/Div/VETAC. The minutes, reports, By-laws, and other information on the organization's projects will be placed on the web page.

VETAC Leadership Award- Robert "Bob" Mullen is the recipient of the 2002 VETAC Leadership Award. Bob is the director for media services and technology in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. The award will be presented at the annual Educational Leadership Technology Conference on December 4th at the Hotel Roanoke.

Videoconference Network – Richard Schley described the Video Conferencing Network. He is preparing a comprehensive directory of video conferencing sites throughout the state to distributed at Educational Leadership Technology Conference. The network represents a cost-effective method of conducting meetings.

Staffing for Technology Support- The General Assembly has requested that the Division of Technology make recommendations for school technology support staffing. Among the issues that with determine recommendations are identification of the types of staffing schools need; how many – tech support and/or instructional support and what would benefit schools more- staffing guidelines or staffing regulations?

Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel (TSIPs) – At this time there no plans to revise the TSIPs with ISTEs Technology Standards for School Administrators (TSSA). VETAC will explore the development of administrator technology standards and make recommendations to the state superintendent. Reciprocity between school divisions remains an issue.

VETAC 2002-2003 Program- Ideas for this year's program. Topics to be covered include:
- TSIPs and content areas
- Technology standards and how they relate to the TSSA standards. Two committees were formed one to look at linking the TSIPs to the TSSA standards and another to look at the relationship between the curriculum and the TSIPs. These committees will present a report at the February meeting.
- Performance Based Testing for Technology Literacy – A committee was formed to examine how colleges and universities test technology performance.

VETAC Technology Handbook- The Office of Educational Technology staff will examine the handbook, update it and make it available as a link from the DOE website.

State Technology Plan – The plan is in its final stage of development. The State Board of Education must approve the plan. A draft of the plan will be mailed to each school division technology contact.

Educational Technology Leadership Conference – The annual Educational Technology Leadership Conference will be held in Roanoke December 3-5. The theme, "Technology Planning: Putting the Pieces Together" will focus on the five theme areas: Integration, Professional Development, Educational Applications, Connectivity, and Accountability. Speakers include Dr. Larry Anderson, a nationally recognized expert on technology planning and Dr. Timothy R. Jenney, superintendent of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Technology & Learning magazine cited Dr. Jenney and the Virginia Beach schools for numerous technology-driven initiatives designed to increase student achievement and accountability.

Ed Tech Program and Resources – The Office of Educational Technology has created a website of resources for implementing the Enhancing Education Through Technology (Ed. Tech) Program. Resources include a list of resources, samples of evidenced-based research on technology integration and professional development and model lesson plans from all content areas and all grade levels that incorporate learning styles and technology integration with grade level and content area.

Ed Tech Competitive Grant- Eight regional grants will be awarded. The grant is for a – 5-year period. School divisions are encouraged to form consortiums with various entities to apply for a grant. The focus of the grant is professional development for technology integration.

Annual Technology Survey – The Department of Education has completed the 2001-2002 Virginia School Technology Survey. For information about the survey results contact the Office of Instructional Technology at (804) 225-2105.

Adjournment and Tour – The meeting adjourned with a tour of Matoaca High School.